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Debating Society Participates In Three Contests

Argufiers To Face Wellesley,
Middlebury, And
Wesleyan

Debaters Will Compete In The
Eastern Intercollegiate Meet

Economic Nationalism Is Topic
Of Debate To Be Held
Friday

At 8 o'clock Friday, December 6, in the Eastman Lecture Hall, Room 6120, the Technology debating team will meet Middlebury College, Vermont. The subject will be: Resolved that the United States Should Follow a Policy of Economic Nationalism. The debaters on the Institute team are: Leonard A. Seder, '37; Russell C. Coile, '38; and Albert A. Woll, '37. Technology will debate the affirmative.

Last year was the first meeting of Middlebury College and Technology, and was won by the latter, 2 to 1. The subject was munitions manufacturing, and Technology advocated its suppression. The speakers were: Philip Scarito, '37; Alice Hunter, '36; and Paul Stevens, '37.

Saturday, December 14, Technology will debate Wellesley on the topic of American neutrality in case of foreign war. The debate will be held at Technology. The Technology debaters

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Debating Meets

Dorm Dance Will Hold New Amateur Contest

"Bill" Greene Will Take Charge
As Master Of Ceremonies

We find Prof. "Bill" Greene master of ceremonies of the Dorm Dance Amateur Contest to be held next Friday night, December 13, in the Main Hall of Walker Memorial. Amateur contests have been successful in various parts of the country, but never before has one been held as a dance feature at the Institute.

Jim Carnody and his orchestra will play from an artificial fireplace that will be located at the center of the left row of curtains. In order that the music will be more clearly heard, the public address system is to be employed. Christmas trees and other evergreens will be added decorations. The dance will be a cabaret formal affair.

In charge of the affair are: Harold Prouty, '37, Hugh T. Smith, '37, David (Continued on Page 4) Dorm Dance

Technology Fraternities Hold Strong Position On Campus, Statistics Show

The position of fraternities at Technology is just as strong now as it was in 1929, according to figures compiled by The Tech from statistics from the Registrar's office and this is especially significant since it comes in a time of depression and in a time when fraternities are being squeezed from many campuses.

This conclusion is based on the number of pledges which the fraternities initiated during the years from 1929 to 1935 inclusive. During the entire period the number of pledges from the freshman class has remained almost constant, varying between the high of 164 last year and the low of 129 in 1930. If anything, the general curve has risen slightly. The total number of pledges in 1929 was considerably higher than in any year since, numbering 215. The highest since then was last year, with 190,

Midsummer Night's Dream Tickets At Special Rates

Tickets for two performances of "A Midsummer Night's Dream," now playing at the Majestic Theater, may be secured by Technology students upon application at the T.C.A. office at greatly reduced rates. The tickets, which can be secured only through the T.C.A., are priced at \$1.65 and are for orchestra seats on the nights of Friday, December 6 and Thursday, December 12. The regular evening price for orchestra seats is \$1.65.

Students who want to take advantage of this special rate will have to sign up for tickets at the T.C.A. office. The reduction applies only to orchestra seats.

Contacts Necessary For Success, Tech Union Audience Says

Haines, Rapoport, Magoun, Lead
Discussion; Open Forum
Interesting

Contacts were chosen as the major prerequisite to success after a Tech Union meeting, Tuesday night, November 26, in the Eastman Lecture Hall.

The debate attempted to decide which among money, professional education, and contacts through activities was the major prerequisite for success. At the start success was defined as the gradual achievement of a worth-while goal which makes for the maximum use of a man's natural ability.

The first speaker of the evening was Wiberforce W. Haynes, '38, who upheld the necessity of money for success. "Men are judged by money or the lack of it, since one is unpopular (Continued on Page 4) Tech Union

Lessons Will Feature Faculty Club Dances

Instruction in Dancing will be the added feature of the Faculty Club Dances this year. Free lessons will be given in the latest dance steps immediately preceding each affair. The dates set for the dances are: December 7, January 1, March 7, and April 11, all Saturdays. The first will be held in the North Hall of Walker Memorial.

By the added feature of dancing instructions at no additional charge toward the price of admission, the Faculty Club hopes to attract many more members to their dances this year. Subscriptions for the dances will be \$5.00 for the four dances or \$1.50 per dance.

and this year, when the fraternities pledged 188 men, runs a close second.

Upper Class Pledges Low

An odd fact connected with the pledging of upperclassmen is evident from an examination of the statistics. In the years with the highest total number of pledges, with the exception of 1929, the number of upperclass pledges is low. For example, last year there were only five, and this year but six, upperclass pledges.

In 1931, when the fourth largest pledge group was initiated, there were only seven upperclassmen out of 185 pledges.

On the other hand, when the pledge groups were low, 167 in 1930, 172 in 1932, and 168 in 1933, there were 14, 12, and 11 upperclass pledges respectively. However, the highest (Continued on Page 4) Fraternities

Yuletide Concert Scheduled Friday By Musical Clubs

Billy Burke's Orchestra Will
Play For Dancing After
The Program

Christmas Dance To Be Formal

Opening the yuletide season, the Combined Musical Clubs will present their annual Christmas Concert and Dance in Walker Memorial on Friday, December 6. The committee has arranged to have the decorations in an appropriate Christmas spirit.

Billy Burke and his Philadelphia orchestra will provide the music for dancing. William O. Nichols, '36, general manager of the clubs, announced that Billy Burke has been secured direct from his thirteen week engagement at the Green Gables in Pennsylvania, and that he is on his first tour of New England.

Featuring singing by Billy Burke and a trio, the orchestra has played at leading hotels in Philadelphia, Cleveland, and Rochester, the club management announced, and they consider it fortunate that they were able to sign Billy Burke for the only Friday night remaining open.

Participating in the concert part of the program will be the M.I.T. Orchestra, the Banjo Club, and the Glee Club. Malcolm Holmes, the new orchestra coach, has been putting all his effort into the rehearsals, and he feels that the orchestra performance will be an outstanding achievement. Under the leadership of coach "Billy" (Continued on Page 4) Musical Clubs

Fifth Dinghy Added to Fleet Of Sailing Boats

Barron Lambert, '26, Donates
Money For Small Craft

The donation of a dinghy by Barron Lambert, '26, brings to a total of five the number of small boats which have already been presented to Technology for its new venture in small boat sailing as an Institute activity. The enthusiastic response to the plan of the Committee indicates that when the ice leaves the Charles River Basin next Spring an imposing fleet of Technology dinghies will be ready to be launched on their maiden voyages. Funds for four other dinghies have already been presented by President Compton, Alfred L. Loomis, Francis W. Fabyan, and Lammot duPont, all members of the corporation. Barron Lambert, donor of the fifth, was a well-known member of his class at Technology. After graduation he was a member of the staff of the Rosenwald Industrial Museum in Chicago and was later associated with the Banker's Trust Company of New York. He is now a private consultant in the investment field.

In making the gift, Mr. Lambert wrote: "I think the idea of sailing as a fostered sport is a splendid one and with Technology's advantageous location, one wonders why it has not been done before. I take pleasure in sending my check and hope the boat purchased will have a long life."

At A Glance The Heart of the News

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Rowe Memorial Cup Will Be Given To Winner of Regatta

Yale, Syracuse, M.I.T.
Will Compete At
Worcester

Dr. Allen Winter Rowe Was
Strong Supporter Of Idea

Director Of Yale Athletics
Consulted Concerning
New Trophy

Plans for a new intercollegiate Henley regatta to be named in honor of the late Dr. Allen Winter Rowe were made public by the Athletic Association of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology last night, when it was announced that Yale and Syracuse University have accepted invitations to race with M.I.T. on Lake Quinsigamond at Worcester, Mass., on April 25.

Prize for Regatta at Worcester

Thanksgiving Dance Of Commuter's Club Was Great Success

Handsomest Man Chosen;
Awarding Of Turkey
Other Feature

The Commuters' Club held its gala Thanksgiving dance last Wednesday night in the Main Hall of Walker, from 9 to 2. Over three hundred couples danced to the music of Ken Reeves and his orchestra and joined in the novelties arranged for the evening.

Turkey eggs, which had been hidden about the halls and lounges of Walker, were the objects of an intensive search by the dancers, and those girls who returned with an egg were eligible for the finals, which were to be decided by the turkey himself. The audience ranged itself along the sides of the room, while the selected ladies formed a ring around the gobbler. The turkey was released and promptly sat down and looked for something to eat. Coaxing by the ladies had absolutely no effect; force merely made the bird squat more firmly than (Continued on Page 2) 5:15 Club

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Dr. Rowe

Institute Rivals Famed United States Mail In Its Own Distribution System

Have you ever noticed those small glass-windowed boxes which are placed here and there about the corridors of the Institute? There are sixty-eight of them, and they form an integral part of a system for distributing mail which should bring joy to the hearts of all good Tech students who delight in method.

The magnitude of the task of distribution may be realized from a consideration of the fact that there are from three to four thousand first-class letters received every morning from the Cambridge A Post Office. This does not include the sizeable amount of inter-departmental mail, nor does it include the second-class matter, packages, newspapers, scientific periodicals, and other things of a similar nature.

Profs Get Mail Before Breakfast

Everyone likes to read his mail before he goes to his first lecture. Professors are no exception. Just as the dormitories receive their first morning mail from the postal truck in time for distribution just before nine, and just as several fraternity houses have their freshmen meet the mail

man so that they can read their letters at the breakfast table, so an Institute truck calls for the mail at the Post Office as early as 7:15. Sorting by buildings starts immediately, and by 8:20 the head janitor of each building delivers the first class mail. As soon as this is out of the way the second class matter is sent to its destination, and on this trip the Institute mail boxes are emptied.

At noon a new batch of mail from the Post Office inaugurates a new distribution cycle, and this time the mail collected previously from the Institute boxes are delivered. All registered mail, at whatever time received, is forwarded immediately by messenger.

Another collection from the Institute boxes takes place at 3 in the afternoon, and the night watchman, while making his rounds in the middle of the night, also empties those boxes. The mail collected at those times is delivered the following morning.

All mail for the dormitories, Walker Memorial, or President Compton (Continued on Page 3) Mail



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THE EDUCATED MAN

IT is often a painful question to decide whether a person is truly educated or merely well trained. We all appreciate that educational institutions will adequately and uniformly adjust their curricula and methods of teachings only as they are able to agree on what the final objective is in terms of human values.

A man's education is only as adequate as the general educational level of his time. It will not do to stamp Socrates as uneducated on the grounds that he never heard of psychoanalysis or the quantum theory. Educational levels are therefore clearly a function of human progress itself, and if we wish to set up present-day standards for what is an educated man we should properly do so through a historical reference frame.

Generally speaking, human nature has changed but slightly: hundreds of years ago, as today, there is the tendency to fit the young into prevailing groupways regarded as standard and final, to make the rising generation disappear into the mass—never to be heard from again. To a certain extent this subjugation of the individual to the will of the group is necessary since it makes for social solidarity; but if carried too far it results in lack of individuality, initiative, and originality.

A more specific analysis of history reveals how the educational ideal is in a process of continuous change. Ancient Greece aimed at shining examples of all-around manhood, but carefully barred slaves and women. The early Christians set up an ideal of moral training which found its final expression in the principal institution for education during the Middle Ages: the church. At that time it was the rule to prepare for heaven and to guarantee immortality. Soon a natural reaction set in, which re-awakened interest in this life on earth and in the beauty and wisdom of the classics; however, knowledge remained confined to the few.

The great change came in the fifteenth century, during the age of discoveries when the extension of geographical and mental boundaries spelled the doom of education for a minority; the foundation for the scientific age was laid. Globe-trotting England assumed the lead and became the champion of manners, of the perfect gentleman, and of the Industrial Revolution.

With the advent of science emphasis shifted abruptly from the traditions of the past to a brand new objective: the training to think. To think clearly, independently, and dispassionately is the modern prerequisite for an educated man.

Education is not the ability to absorb a multitude of facts but the faculty of mature utilization of such facts; it is not the possession of that awe inspiring sheepskin, or the display of quasi-sophistication or snobbery.

Education is the use of an open mind; it is capacity to keep up with change, to adjust oneself to new conditions; it is skill in cutting across ignorance, superstition, and prejudice; it is maintaining an interest in non-professional ideas and ideals; it is perpetual mental growth.

He who can make life more useful and interesting to himself and to others is truly educated.

OPEN FORUM

In opening its columns to letters addressed to the Editor, THE TECH does not guarantee publication nor does it necessarily endorse the opinions expressed. Only signed communications will be considered. However, if the writer so desires, only the initials will appear on publication.

To the Editor of The Tech.

Dear Sir:

Since I take it for granted that you are willing to have both sides of a controversy expressed in your columns, I submit a criticism of the editorial "Misapplied Panacea Survival of the Fittest". The moral implications of the editorial are obviously grave. Of that fact even its author seems not wholly unaware. But of the illogicality and scientific falsity of his assumptions he evidently has no conception.

That evolution is not the same as progress he apparently does not realize. "Survival of the fittest," as the term applies to evolution, means survival of those best suited to a particular environment. Fitness is not desirability but only adaptiveness. Thus, many species have become parasitic, and thereby have survived, although parasitism generally involves complete degeneration of the species. Nature preserves those individuals that are most skillfully selfish. She puts at a disadvantage those that are self-sacrificing. Selection for any quality other than selfishness is a human innovation. If man sets up an ideal for a superior race, and tries to make future generations conform more and more nearly to that ideal, he is striking out for himself. He is not copying nature, but, more than likely, he is pitting himself against nature.

Improvement of the race is an ideal widely held worth striving for. Disagreement arises when one attempts to say how the race should be improved. The writer of the editorial, "Misapplied Panacea", suggests two methods: 1. refusal of medical aid to the sickly. 2. birth control. An attempt to carry out the first suggestion would, I believe, defeat the purpose of race betterment. The general stock can be improved only by removing the limitations to advancement. But in the normal, these limitations escape notice, only in the pathological are they sufficiently pronounced to be recognized. Psychiatrists, for example, find out how to attack the more subtle disorders of the normal by treating the same disorders exaggerated in the subnormal. To let the weak perish would often deprive us of the clue as to why the healthy are not more healthy.

Birth control is hardly more promising. It could not help the race unless it were imposed upon the undesirable (whoever they are), and refused to the desirable. Birth control would have to be controlled. The strong might become sufficiently envious of the immunities of the weak to discover weaknesses in themselves. One is reminded of the difficulty in distinguishing between wise men and fools:

The happy little moron.
He never gives a damn.
I wish I were a moron.
My God! Perhaps I am!
Signed
Joseph G. Bryan, '37.

Protest

Graduate House
Sept. 27, 1935.

To the Editor of The Tech
Sir:

I was shocked that you published the scurvy letter signed "Not an Ignorant Foreigner", especially since the author chose to be anonymous. As an American who was received with the greatest hospitality in a British University I should like to object strongly to the spirit which leads your correspondent to refer to our guests from abroad as a "bunch of aliens". It is plain that his ill-considered remarks were aroused by some petty personal irritation, which he chose to air in your excellent publication. I am forced to conclude that "Not an Ignorant Foreigner" means in this case "An Ignorant American".

Yours sincerely
R. M. Robertson, VII G.

Round Table

Graduate House
November 27, 1935

To the Editor of The Tech

Dear Sir,

As an American citizen I wish to register an emphatic protest against the letter you were so ill advised as to publish on Tuesday. What sort of opinion will all foreign students obtain of us as Americans if we attack them in our newspapers like this? Possibly some men do feel resentful that there is a tendency for cliques to form among people with different backgrounds from the rest, but I am alarmed that Americans should write and publish unjustifiable abuse merely from a feeling of jealousy. In fact I am driven to wonder if the disfavor with which many Europeans look on us as a nation may not, in the light of this, be justified. Surely, Sir, you can make some attempt to find how widely your correspondent's feelings are shared, and what justification there is for them. I suggest that The Tech should stage a round table conference between representatives of American and foreign students.

Yours etc,

Democrat

Editors' Note: Once more we must caution against sending us letters for publication which are unsigned. The offender this time is "An Interested American". If the writer will call at this office and affix his signature to the letter we will publish it using only the designated pseudonym.

Reviews and Previews

AT THE THEATRE

COLONIAL — Isben's tragedy, "Ghosts" with Nazimova enters its second and last week. Matinees Wednesday and Saturday.

PLYMOUTH — "Three Men On A Horse"—Race track comedy. This play has had four successful weeks with a cast distinguished only by its perfect suitability to the play.

COPLEY—"Katydid So What" with Mary Young goes into its fifth and last week.

SYMPHONY HALL — Friday and Saturday evenings Dr. Koussvitsky will present a special program in honor of Sibelius' 70th anniversary. The full program will appear in this column Friday.

COMING

Christmas week at the Copley — ** Mary Young promises "The Old Homestead."

Christmas Night at the Opera House — 1936 Ziegfeld Follies opens for an indefinite run.

ON THE SCREEN

FINE ARTS — "Le Dernier Millicaire" — Satirical comedy. A new French film with English titles for the illiterate. Mickey Mouse and other shorts complete the bill.

PARAMOUNT AND FENWAY — "Mary Burns, Fugitive" — Melodrama with Sylvia Sydney and Melvyn Douglas. Also another newspaper drama with Roger Pryor, "1000 a Minute."

METROPOLITAN**—"Frisco Kid" — Jimmie Cagney in a roaring story of "Frisco's Barbary Coast. As usual an elaborate stage show.

KEITH MEMORIAL — "Annie Oakley" — the life of the woman who punched theatre tickets with pistol slugs. Barbara Stanwyck and Preston Foster play the leads.

LOWES STATE AND ORPHEUM — The Marx Brothers in "A Night At The Opera" — Funny as hell.

MAJESTIC — "A Midsummer Night's Dream" — Max Reinhardt's great production goes into its fourth week and the crowds are still coming.

RKO BOSTON — Ben Bernie and all the lads on the stage with Edward Everett Horton in "His Night Out" on the screen.

Debating Meets

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will be Harold James, '38; Allan E. Schorsch, '38; and Benjamin Siegel, '38.

Thursday at 5 o'clock, in the East Lounge of Walker, debaters interested in trying out for the debate with Wesleyan on January 17 will be given a 5 minute prepared speech on the topic:—Resolved:—that a two-thirds vote of Congress may veto a decision of the Supreme Court. Three faculty members will judge the speeches and the members of the team which will debate Wesleyan will also debate in the Eastern Intercollegiate Debating Association meet.

The college winning the greatest number of points will be the winner of the regatta and will hold the Rowe Memorial Cup for one year. In the event of a tie, if one of the competitors has won first place in the Varsity race, that college shall be declared the winner. Should this provision fail to break the tie, then a competitor who has won first place in the Junior Varsity event will be the winner.

The Rowe Memorial Cup presented for competition in the regatta is a magnificent specimen of English silver.

It was made in London in 1822 and is heavy gold-plated sterling.

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Christmas Gifts

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Hockey Team Plays Its First Game Tonight With B. U.

Battle Will Take Place In Boston Arena; Admission 40c

Tech Has A Veteran Lineup To Oppose New Untried B.U. Team

The winter sports season starts today when the hockey team plays its first game of the season against Boston University in the Boston Arena at St. Botolph Street, and Massachusetts Avenue.

The prospects for a Tech victory are very bright. The team is composed mostly of veterans and in addition, three new men without former experience in intercollegiate competition showed up well in practice and will probably see action. Coach Owen and Manager Paul Daley both expressed confidence in Tech pucksters. "With any sort of a break," said Coach Owens. "Tech has a good chance of turning in a win."

B.U.'s Prospects Poor

Opposing the superior veteran team of Technology, B.U. places on the ice a team composed practically entirely of new men or last year's substitutes. The entire varsity front line and defense graduated last year, and most serious of all, the institution is without a veteran goalie.

Probable Line-Up

The two offensive lines for Tech follows: Muther, Eddy, Acker; and Healey, Daley, and Cohen. The defense line will be built around Capt. Parker and Herb Goodwin, with Dick Kenny probably starting as goalie. Others who may play are: Meyer, Schipper, and Stiles.

The admission price for the game will be forty cents, and the game will start at 8:15.

Ballroom, Tap Dancing Course To Be Offered

A special course in ballroom and tap dancing will be offered by Adolphe Robicheau, the noted French-American dancer. The course in ballroom dancing will include the most recent steps and modern method of instruction. These classes will meet each week in Mr. Robicheau's studio at 12 Huntington Avenue.

In addition to his studies at the Paris Opera, Mr. Robicheau has studied tap-dancing under Bill Robinson. He was the winner of the Boston Tercentenary dancer's medal.

Prof. Hottel Chairman At A.S.M.E. Symposium

Professor H. C. Hottel, of the Department of Chemical Engineering, will be chairman of the first symposium on radiant heat transmission to be held by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers at their annual December meeting. The Institute will be further represented in this symposium by three papers, "Heat Transfer in Steel Reheating Furnaces" by J. E. Eberhardt and H. C. Hottel, "Radiation from Non-Luminous Flames" by H. C. Hottel and V. C. Smith, "A Radiometric and Pyrometric Study of Diffusion Flames" by M. A. Cooper and H. C. Hottel.

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INSURANCE OF ALL KINDS

Tech Wrestling Tourney Starts Next Thursday

High Interest Already Shown In Sport And Record Signup Expected

Medals Given To All Winners

Coach Jay Ricks and his grapplers will inaugurate the sixth annual All-Tech wrestling tournament at the Hangar Gym next Thursday at 4:30 P.M. The finals will be run off Friday afternoon at the same hour. The chief officials will be Herman Shea, former varsity captain, and the bouts will be refereed by varsity wrestlers. Sixty contestants are expected, as well as a large crowd; supplementary grand-stand seats will probably be necessary to accommodate the spectators.

Providing they have not won a college wrestling letter, all students and members of the faculty are invited to enter the tournament. Gold Medals, donated by Dr. John A. Rockwell, chairman of the Advisory Board of Athletics, will be awarded to all first place winners in their respective classes.

There are eight weight classes: 118, 126, 135, 145, 155, 165, 175 pound, and heavyweight. The grapplers will be weighed in on Thursday morning between 10 and 12 o'clock. Two pounds overweight will be allowed at weighing-time. Some contestants who are entered in classes where there are too many entrants are allowed to enter, if they so desire, heavier classes where the competition may not be so keen.

National Intercollegiate Rules will be followed; the preliminary matches will last eight minutes, and the finals will last ten minutes. When necessary, the contestants will wrestle two preliminary bouts on Thursday. The winner will be the man who stays on top by a time advantage of more than one minute over his opponent, or the one who wins the fall.

Interclass Swim Meet Next Monday, Dec. 9

All Undergraduate Students Eligible To Compete

"The annual Tech Interclass Swimming meet will be held next Monday, December 9, at the University Club Pool," announced Manager Robert Goldsmith, '37, yesterday. "Tryouts for the meet will be held this Friday."

At the Friday qualifying races, eligibility will be determined by time trials in order that no definite times will have to be set for each event. A candidate arriving any time between 4:30 and 6:00 o'clock may try out in any of the events which include the 50, 100, 200, and 400 yard free styles, the 100 yard backstroke, the 200 yard breast stroke, diving, and relays. The latter teams must be composed of students from the same class.

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UNITED AIR LINES

SPORTS COMMENT

The proverbial curtains to winter sports will be drawn this evening when Tech and B.U. face off at the Boston Arena for their annual hockey battle. The Beaver's chances for a win look exceedingly bright and so the boys and girls who claim Tech as the Alma Mater should be on hand to celebrate the victory. The Arena is just across the River at the corner of Massachusetts Avenue and St. Botolph Street, thus making it easy for you brown baggers to knock off for a few hours and see a good scrappy game.

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Believe it or not the rifle team has lost a match. Despite the good work of Captain Charlie Price and Dave Whitaker, the Engineers lost their first match after running up a series of wins that would do credit to any sport at any school.

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Coach Rawson's mittmen are going to take the fateful step on next Wednesday afternoon. This may sound like an announcement of nuptials. Directly, this is not so; but indirectly it is very much so, especially if the past lives up to the present. It seems that on next Wednesday the boxers will elect a captain for the coming year, and captains for the boxing team means wedding bells. Gather around children and let us explain—for the past two years in a row, men elected to that position of captain have turned around and taken the fateful step, and on top of that have gone and given up boxing. All you fellows who don't think you stand a chance with your little women ought to come out to the Hangar Gym and tryout for the captaincy. Women love them rough and tough, and Rawson will guarantee to make you just that. He will also throw in a lesson on cooking for good measure!

Rifle Team Defeated By Richardson Club

Weakness In Standing Shooting Spells First Defeat

The M.I.T. Rifle team was defeated last Friday in the season's second match as they fell before the guns of the Richardson Rifle Club at the Tech range. The Richardson team was substituting in the schedule for the Marine Corps team which was unable to appear. The opponents tallied 899 points to the Beavers' 890.

Tech lost a majority of its points in the standing shooting. In fact they were three points better than their opponents in the prone marksmanship. Captain Price again was high scorer but the bright spot was furnished by Whitaker, who scored a perfect 100 in the prone position.

In its third match the Tech team will endeavor to return to the winning column against Bowdoin whom they meet December 18th.

A Trinity College professor recently missed his first class in nearly 30 years, because he thought Washington's Birthday was March 22, and took a holiday.

—Clarkson Integrator.

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CALENDAR

- Tuesday, December 3
 12:30. Alumni Council Luncheon, North Hall, Walker Memorial.
 6:30. Dormitory Dinner, North Hall, Walker Memorial.
- Wednesday, December 4
 5:45. Graduate House Dinner, North Hall, Walker Memorial.
 6:00. Graduate House Dinner, North Hall, Walker Memorial.
 6:30. Masque Society Dinner Meeting, Grill Room, Walker Memorial.
 7:00. Dormitory Basketball Games, Walker and Hangar Gymnasiums.

Thursday, December 5

- 5:00. Beaver Key Society Meeting, West Lounge, Walker Memorial.
 5:00. Institute Committee Meeting, East Lounge, Walker Memorial.
 7:00. Dormitory Basketball Games, Walker and Hangar Gymnasiums.
 7:30. Tech Show Rehearsal, West Lounge, Walker Memorial.
 8:00. Ordinance Reserve Smoker, Grill Room, Walker Memorial.

Fraternities

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number of upperclass pledges came in 1929, when 28 were chosen. These figures would seem to indicate that the fraternities try to fill their quota with freshmen, and then they seek for men who will be with the house a shorter time.

The fact that the fraternities have a quota is demonstrated when one observes that the number of pledges is independent of the size of the entering class. This applies not only to freshmen pledges, but to the total number as well. If a graph is made of the size of the freshman class and the percentage of freshmen pledged, the two curves oppose each other almost exactly. For example, the freshmen were most numerous in 1930, 609 entering the Institute. In

that year the percentage dropped to 21 per cent, the lowest it has ever been. In that year also the total number pledged was the lowest.

Freshman Statistics

On the other hand, while in the years from 1930 to 1933 the freshman class became smaller, the pledges remained constant and hence the percentage rose. When, after 1933, the classes grew again, the percentage lagged behind, and in 1934 rose to a high of 35 per cent. This year, even though the size of the class still increased, the total pledges fell off slightly, and the percentage dropped to 30 per cent.

The stability of the number of men pledged, both as regards totals and the number of freshmen, and also the fact that the number of upperclass pledges seems to be in inverse proportion to the number of freshmen, leads one to conclude that fraternities

Musical Clubs
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Weston, the Glee Club is well prepared, and the Banjo Club is also ready to give a first class performance.

The concert will begin at 8:30 o'clock. Dancing will follow, and continue until 2 o'clock. Dress is formal, and admission is \$2.00 per couple.

I.F.C. Plans Annual Dance For Late Spring

The evening of May 1st, the night before Open House will be the night set aside for the annual formal dance run by the Inter-Fraternity Council. The place and orchestra has, as yet, not been agreed upon. The date selected is far enough away from the date of the Junior Prom so as not to conflict with it thus satisfying a wish of the Institute Committee.

In charge of the affair will be Dave Varner, '36, Delta Kappa Epsilon; Alfred E. Busch, '37, A.K.E.; Gordon Thomas, '36, Phi Gamma Delta; William Garth, '36, Kappa Sigma; Thomas Nelligan, '36, Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Only 600 options will be offered. As there are only about 650 Fraternity men and only about 65 per cent are expected to attend.

are an established institution on Technology's campus, and that the depression has had little effect on the prosperity as measured by their ability to keep going.

Tech Union
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or popular according to the amount of money he has", said Haynes.

Emanuel Rapoport, '36, was the second speaker on the program and held that the major prerequisite to success was a professional education. Money, if it is necessary will come in due time if one knows his stuff, he claimed.

Professor F. Alexander Magoun spoke in defense of the knowledge of men as the thing that brings success in life. For fear that the discussion had traveled along lines that were not specified at the start, Professor Magoun asked that a division be made among the terms, distinction, success, and notoriety. Anyone can be a success, regardless of his money or his education, if he knows men.

After several of the audience had commented on the subject a vote was taken to determine the opinion of the group. Contacts were chosen the first, professional education the second, and money was chosen a poor third.

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S. McClellan, '37, and Lloyd Ewing, '38. The chaperones and escorts will be Prof. and Mrs. Leicester F. Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Lawrence, Mrs. Jack, Dr. Avery A. Ashdown, and Treasurer and Mrs. Horace S. Ford.

Undergraduate Notice

A rally of winter sports enthusiasts will be held Wednesday, December 4, the place to be announced later. Enthusiasts of skiing, snow-shoeing, or skating are invited. Movies on "Modern Ski Technique" will feature the meeting.

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